

scoping period, which is December 21, 1998. Comments should address: (1) Issues to be considered, (2) feasible and reasonable alternatives to examine, and (3) relevant information having a bearing on the EIS. Comments should be sent to the Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Socorro Field Office, 198 Neel Ave., Socorro, NM 87801.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL:** BLM will maintain a mailing list of parties and persons interested in being kept informed about the progress of the EIS. If you are interested in obtaining more information about the scoping meetings, EIS, or receiving future information, please call Carol Van Dorn, Team Leader, at (505) 835-0412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The St. Johns, Arizona CO<sub>2</sub>-Helium Project is a proposal of Ridgeway Arizona Oil Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of Ridgeway Petroleum Corporation. The purpose of the proposal is to develop the CO<sub>2</sub>-helium field that appears to underlie approximately 500 square miles of lands in Apache County, east central Arizona and Catron County, west-central New Mexico. Ridgeway has been exploring the field since 1994 and results of the technical studies to date indicate that a large scale production of CO<sub>2</sub> is viable. Ridgeway intends to develop the field primarily for enhanced oil recovery. To obtain and process the large volume of CO<sub>2</sub>, Ridgeway proposes to develop approximately 200 wells, a network of access roads and gathering pipelines, and a gas processing plant.

In both, Apache and Catron counties, some lands are privately owned, but the majority of lands in the project area are administered by state and federal agencies. The federal lands in the project area are administered by the BLM. In order to conduct development and production activities, the BLM, as lead federal agency, has determined that an EIS will be required in accordance with NEPA. The EIS will analyze the entire proposed action and associated cumulative effects. The EIS studies also will refine the proposed action and will develop alternatives, including no action and others that are identified through the scoping process. In addition, potential resource sensitivities and environmental impacts will be identified, as well as a mitigation plan to guide development and production. Resource concerns to be addressed include soils, water resources, hazardous materials, geology, minerals, air quality, noise, vegetation, wildlife, special status species, range resources, land use and access, recreation, wilderness study areas, visual resources,

social and economic values, and cultural resources.

It is anticipated that the EIS process will require approximately 18 to 24 months to complete and will include public and agency scoping, coordination and consultation with Federal, state, tribal and local agencies, public review and possible hearings on the published draft EIS, and a published proposed final EIS. Publication of the Record of Decision is anticipated in mid-year 2000.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Supplementary Rules

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

**ACTION:** Closure of certain public lands to camping and campfires in Shasta County, California.

**SUMMARY:** The BLM is prohibiting persons from camping and operating campfires on certain BLM lands adjacent to Keswick Reservoir. On September 8, 1998 the Shasta County Board of Supervisors voted to enact amendments to Chapter 8.52 of the Shasta County Code. The amendment prohibits camping and campfires on BLM lands that are cooperatively managed as a "Rails-To-Trails" project. This Supplementary Rule will allow the BLM to enforce the intent of the County Code on BLM lands under 43 CFR 8365.1-6.

#### Action

It is unlawful to camp, construct, maintain, begin the operation of, or operate a house court, campsite, or tent camp space upon any BLM property within Township 33 North, Range 5 West, sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32; and Township 32 North, Range 5 West, sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, and 21 of Mount Diablo Meridian as herein otherwise specified; and it shall be unlawful to occupy for living and/or sleeping purposes to reside in any established house court, campsite, or tent camp space without written permission of the BLM.

Notwithstanding the above, camping is permitted when permission has been given in writing by an authorized officer of the BLM. Said written permission

shall be in the possession of a person occupying the campsite and must permit camping in the location of the campsite and for the time the campsite is occupied. Failure to possess said written permission at the campsite shall be deemed a violation of this regulation.

Furthermore, it is unlawful to build or maintain any fire, campstove, or other incendiary device so as to endanger automobiles or other property in any house court, tent camp space, squatter camp, or campsite on BLM property within Township 33 North, Range 5 West, sections 20, 21, 28, 29, 31, 32; and Township 32 North, Range 5 West, sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20, and 21 of the Mount Diablo Meridian. It is unlawful to leave any fire, lighted and burning campstove, or other lighted and burning incendiary device unattended at any time on the premises of any house court, tent camp space, squatter camp, or campsite.

The authority for these closures and rule makings is 43 CFR 8365.1-6. Any person who fails to comply with a supplemental rule is subject to arrest and fines of up to \$100,000 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

#### Definitions

"Camp" means to set up, use, or remain in or at a campsite.

"Campsite" means any place where camping facilities are used.

"Camping Facilities" include, but are not limited to, tents, tarpaulins, temporary shelters, motor vehicles or parts thereof, trailers, cooking facilities, cots, ground covers, bedding, hammocks, sleeping bags, and other similar equipment used to live temporarily in the outdoors or temporarily in, upon, under, or about any structure.

"Squatter Camp" means an area of land occupied by a squatter.

**DATES:** This supplementary rule will take effect November 6, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles M. Schultz, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, 355 Hemsted Drive, Redding, CA 96002.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Supplementary Rules

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.